



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1236

**An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for
commencement of the construction of the Arrowrock Dam
Hydroelectric Project in the state of Idaho**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Commerce on May 17, 2000

CBO estimates that enacting S. 1236 would have no net effect on the federal budget. The legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 1236 would extend the deadline for construction of a hydroelectric project currently subject to licensing by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for six years. The proposed extension is for FERC project number 4656. S. 1236 also would direct FERC to reinstate the license for the project should it expire prior to enactment of this legislation. These provisions may have a minor impact on FERC's workload. Because FERC recovers 100 percent of its costs through user fees, any change in its administrative costs would be offset by an equal change in the fees that the commission charges. Hence, the act's provisions would have no net budgetary impact.

Because FERC's administrative costs are limited in annual appropriations, the act would not affect direct spending or receipts. Therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply to the act.

On September 22, 1999, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 1236, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on September 27, 1999. The two versions of the legislation are virtually identical and the estimated costs are the same.

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